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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Reagan W. Moore *et al.*

Application No.: 10/639,599

Filed: October 24, 2003

For: **SYSTEM OF AND METHOD FOR  
TRANSPARENT MANAGEMENT OF  
DATA OBJECTS IN CONTAINERS  
ACROSS DISTRIBUTED  
HETEROGENOUS RESOURCES**

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Art Unit: 2162

Examiner: Alam, Shahid Al

Date: October 12, 2006

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***Mail Stop Amendment***

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Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and

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- ☒ Response to Office Action (with Replacement Drawing Figure 13); and
- ☒ Return Postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed July 18, 2006, having a shortened-statutory response period, extending through and including October 18, 2006, kindly amend the above captioned application as follows. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 14 of this paper.

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